

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

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1. The corps command which conducted the autumn maneuvers of the Rumanian Army was located at Sanpetrul Mare. A large Soviet staff was also posted here. No Soviet troops were seen in the area, but there were many small Soviet staffs which appeared to act as leadership cadres.
2. Troops permanently in garrison were:
  - a. The 1 Border Guard Battalion at Sannicolau Mare, with border outposts at Cenadul Mare, Beba Veche, Besenova Veche, Valcani, Teremia Mica, and Teremia Mare.
  - b. The 2 Border Guard Battalion at Jimbolia, with outposts at Comlosul Mare, and at points southwest and southeast of Jimbolia.
  - c. An infantry battalion of four companies at Sannicolau Mare.
  - d. A battalion of horse-drawn field artillery at Sannicolau Mare, with three batteries of 76.2 mm guns.
3. Troops arriving in the area before the maneuvers:
  - a. At Sannicolau Mare from Stalin (Brasov): An infantry division command with two infantry regiments carrying heavy weapons.
  - b. At Sannicolau Mare: An armored regiment composed of a staff company with cross-country cars (sic); two motorized batteries of 76.2 mm guns (apparently antitank); a company of armored road cars; a motorized rifle company in cross-country cars, armed with machine pistols; a motorcycle company armed with automatic rifles; two armored battalions, each with 50 to 60 T-34 tanks; an antiaircraft battery with four guns on wheels; and motorized supply units.
  - c. At Saravale from the Timisoara garrison: A field artillery unit (regiment or battalion) with an unknown number of guns.

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- d. At Lovrin: A technical battalion with motorized pontoon columns and bridging material.
  - e. At Sannicolau Mare, Jimbolia, and Saravale from Timisoara: A signal battalion.
  - f. At Sannicolau Mare: An airforce liaison staff.
4. Troops arriving for the maneuvers:
- a. At Sanpetru Mare: A motorized artillery regiment (or battalion) with 122 mm guns.
  - b. In the Lovrin-Grabati area from Timisoara: An infantry regiment of three battalions equipped with heavy weapons.
  - c. At Sanpetru Mare: A pioneer battalion.
  - d. At Sannicolau Mare: Two batteries of an antiaircraft artillery battalion. The location of the other batteries was not known.
5. Additional troop arrivals took place further to the southeast, and there was a division southwest of Timisoara, where Soviet forces were also present. Rumanian single-engine and two-engine planes were frequently engaged in simulated low-level attacks.
6. The Yugoslav-Rumanian border is fortified on both sides only at important communication points. Jimbolia is prepared for local defense with barbed wire entanglements; no minefields are known to be located in this area.<sup>1</sup> The work of sealing off the border goes on uninterruptedly, but the efforts exerted in this direction are limited.
7. This was the largest troop concentration in this area since 1945, and it caused great apprehension among the people who expected the outbreak of war with Yugoslavia.
8. Attached are two sketches showing the troop dispositions as of 15 September 1952 when the maneuvers began.

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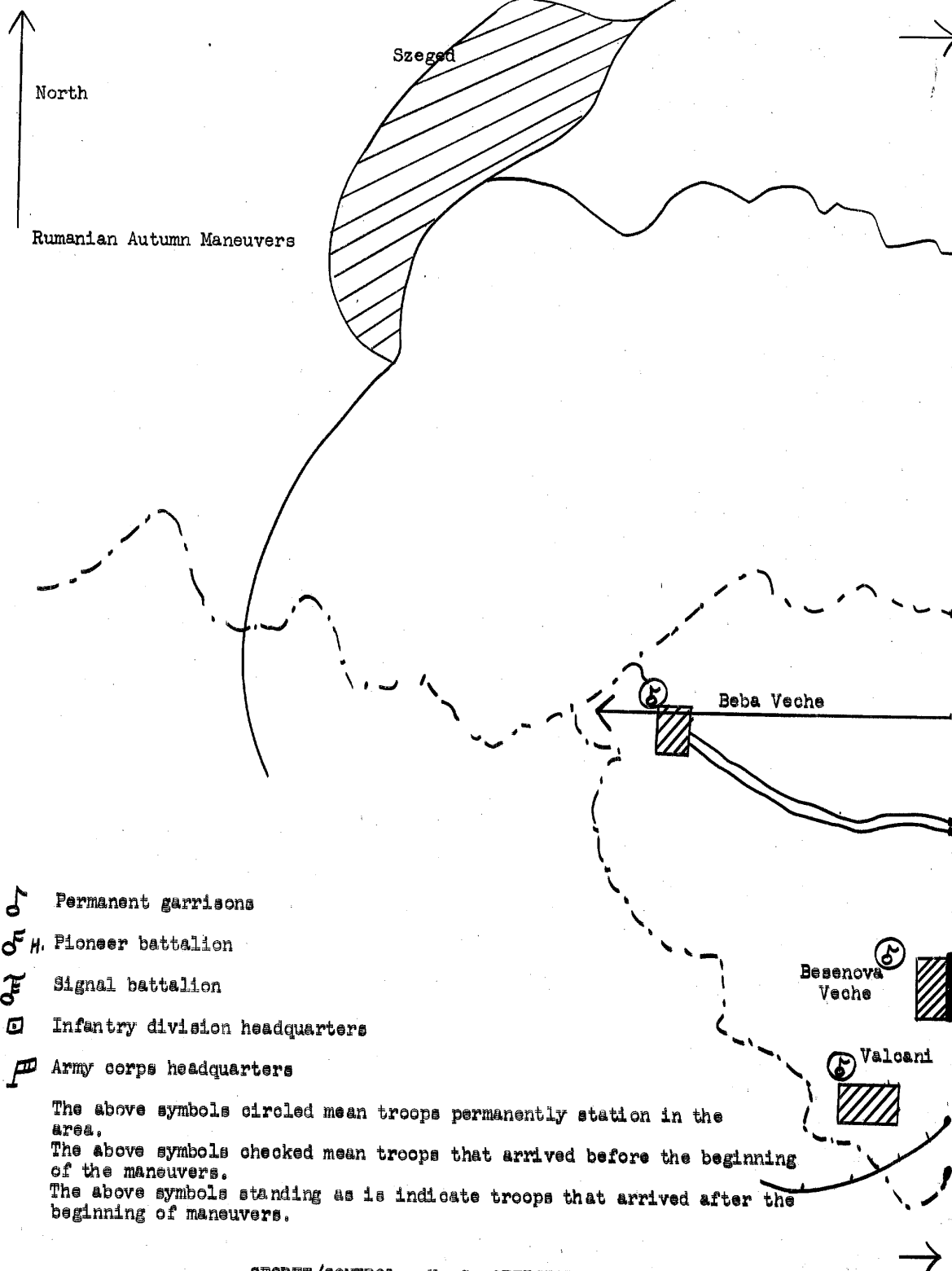
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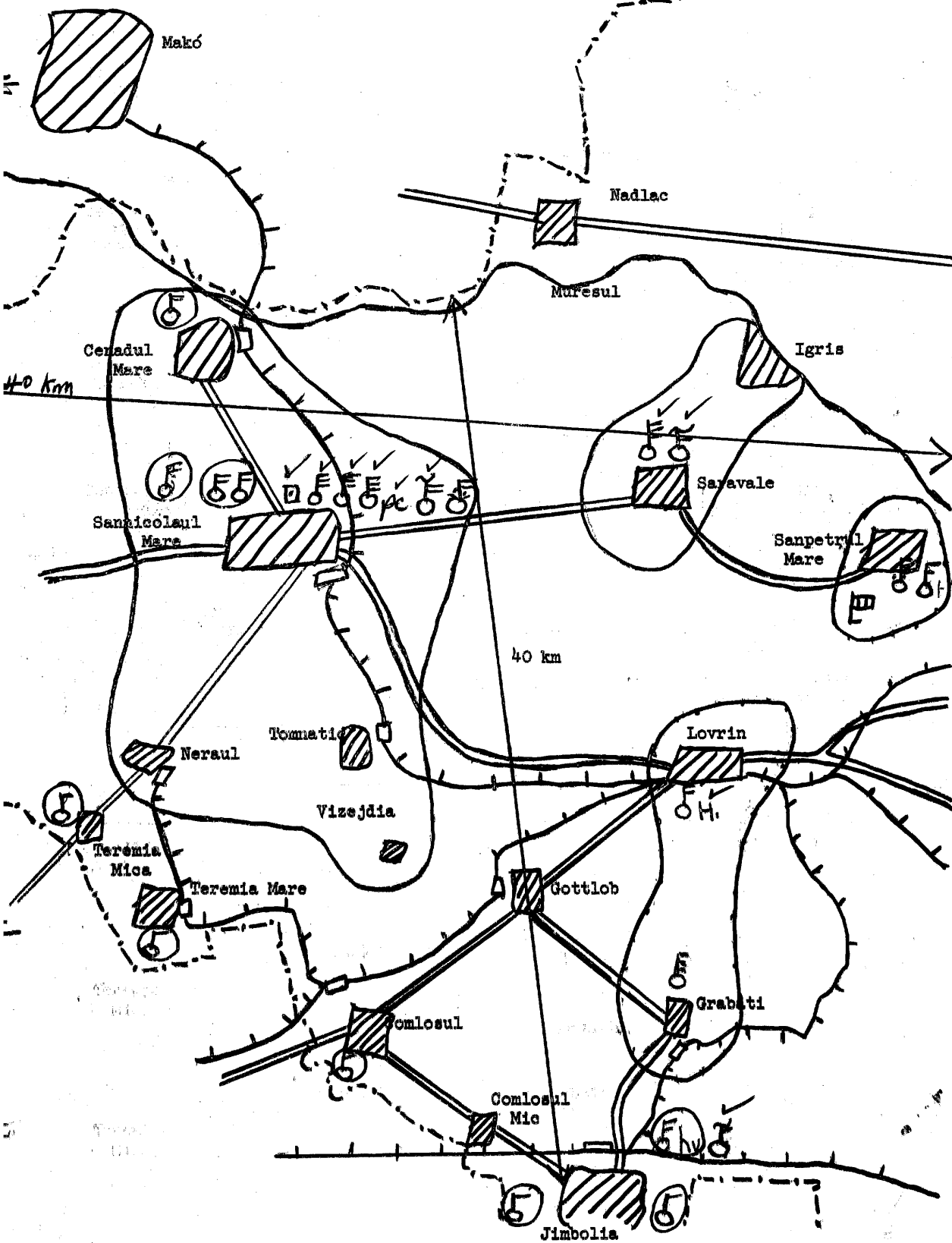
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